

THE

REPRESENTATION

OF THE

Loyal Subjects

OF

ALBINIA.

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*Quare P. C. secedant improbi, secernant se a bonis, unum in locum congregentur, muro denique, id quod sæpe jam dixi, secernantur a nobis. Tully.*

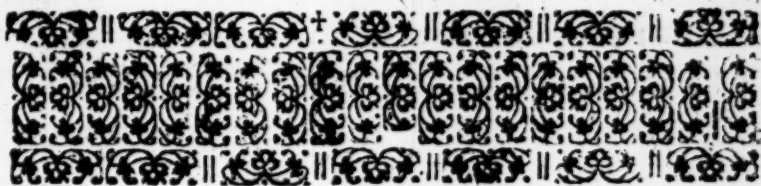
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## Representation, &c.

*Most Gracious Sovereign,*

**T**IS with the greatest Submission and Respect, and the highest Resentment of your Favours, we Your Majesty's Loyal Subjects, return Your Majesty our most hearty Thanks, for the Measures, you are pleas'd to tell us, you have concerted, that may put an End in all Probability to a VVar, of so long Continuance, and so Burthen some to your Subjects; as we do not question, but every Thing will be transacted for the Honour of your Majesty, the Good and VVelfare

VVelfare of your People, and the Satisfaction of your Allies.

'Tis also with the utmost Detestation and Abhorrence, we must exclaim against the Principles and Practices of a Set of Men among us, who, notwithstanding their pretences to Loyalty, are obstinately bent against whatsoever your Majesty shall say or do; who will neither rely upon your Royal VVord, repose any Confidence in your Promises, nor trust your Majesty with your own Prerogative, *without Advice.*

These indeed, are *Principles* and *Practices* of so deep a Dye, so Infectious in their Nature, and so pernicious in their Consequences, so detrimental to Government in general, and all the Laws and Rules of Society in particular, that it is but high time to put an effectual Stop to their Increase, which if not seasonably prevented, may be the utter Ruin of your Majesty and Kingdoms.

Has ever any *Prince* stuck firmer to her Alliances than your Majesty has done, or acted more for the VVelfare and *Prosperity*

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*prosperity* of her People, and has ever any *Prince* receiv'd such returns of Basenets and Ingratitude? Has ever any *Prince* been so Insulted by Foreigners and Domesticks, by *Princes* and *Republicks*, by her own Subjects of the highest Rank and Quality, and Mechanicks of the meanest Birth and meanest Education, by Letters and Memorials, by Articles and Addresses, in *Publick*, in Private, even in her own Closet and Retirement? Has not your Majesty's Title been more than once deny'd, your Prerogative disputed before your Face, and has not the exerting of that Prerogative been declar'd an Arbitrary Proceeding?

VVhat is it the Faction aim at? VVhither would they run? Did they not Advise a war without Reason, carry it on by Fraud and Cozenage, and would they still Sacrifice the Nation for the love of Gain, and Cheat us on without Mercy? Cannot they be contented without they Vote the war to be Eternal, and make us Miserable without End? Have they not made themselves Rich, by Impoverishing the Publick,



lick, and will their Avarice extend further: Cannot they be contented to sit still in their own Robberies? *Cannot they be satisfied with the Wealth, the Grandeur, they possess, the gilded Chariots and the gaudy Liveries that triumph over the Poverty of those they have Cheated?* Good God! Can Posterity believe that there was ever any Sort of People upon Earth, so lost to every Thing that is Good and Honourable, to all the Duties they owe their Religion, their Sovereign, or their Native Country, who would involve them All into the most unheard of Calamities, for the Aggrandizing of a Mercenary Family, or an Impotent Ally? Posterity, we say, will scarce believe any Thing so base of us; or, if they do, they'll Curse the Stain of Infamy and Reproach that they Inherit; they'll Abjure their Fathers who Begot them, and Account it an Honour to be thought Bastards.

Were the Faction but against the Peace, because they thought it dishonourable, because they thought it disadvantageous, they would deserve, perhaps, to be excus'd: they would deserve to be thought to blunder

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der into the Right, and to be Honest only by Mistake. But they know it is impossible to obtain the Terms that they insist on, and for that very Reason they desire 'em. They know very well what insuperable Difficulties attend their Schemes, unless they have the Command of Providence at Will; they know that the Nation must be ruin'd by the Continuance of the War, and that Tyranny it self cannot be more insupportable than the Taxes, and yet for all this, the War must be continu'd.

We appeal to the Conscience of any one, to the common Sense and Reason of Mankind, *if a Peace, at this Time, can be believ'd unnecessary, or, that which they know nothing of dishonourable.* No, 'tis not the Peace they so much exclaim at, or despise, but 'tis *their own Villanies and Mismanagements* they are afraid of; 'tis *their Cheats and Impostures, their Forgeries and Crimes, of the most flagrant Nature, that will call for Justice, that will stir up your faithful Commons to Impeach, your Peers to Condemn, and your Majesty to punish.* Has ever any Nation in the World been plunder'd to that Degree by

its Foreign Enemies, as ours, by its own Natives? How many Millions have been expended to no purpose, how many more misapply'd, perverted and embezzled? VVhat a Number of Beggars brought in upon us at a time of Dearth and Scarcity, to the Ruine of our Liberty, and the Overturning of our Constitution?

These are Misdemeanours, *May it please your Majesty*, too long, too scandalous, too notorious for us to mention, or your Clemency to forgive; such as VVords will never be able to express, or thought to comprehend; such as, before this, were never heard of, and Posterity will never parallel. It may be *Mercy*, perhaps, to grant an Highway-man his *Pardon*; but 'tis but Justice to deliver a *Plunderer* of the *Publick*, an universal Robber of his Country, to the severest Punishment.

We are oblig'd to, we thank our G---l for his Victories and Triumphs, for the Sieges he has undertaken, and the *Hardships* he has underwent, and we have paid him largely *without Perquisites*: And must not that Man be call'd to Account, who has  
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been, perhaps, once *fortunate*? Must he  
 be screen'd from Justice, for the Sake of  
 one good Action? Must he, that by  
 Chance has been serviceable to his Coun-  
 try, be free from Guilt, when he strives  
 to ruin it on Purpose? Or shall the Em-  
 bezzlement of Millions be bought off by  
*Bl-----m* or a *R-----y*, by a Battle  
 won, or an Opportunity that has been  
 lost, by gaining a Frontier for an Ally,  
 and doing nothing for our selves? Shall  
 a Palace, exceeding any of your *Majesty's*,  
 be Built out of the Spoils of the *Common-  
 wealth*? Shall Ingratitude and Ill-Lan-  
 guage to the best of Princes, the Prolon-  
 gation of a War, or the Stifling an Ad-  
 vantagious *Peace*, be past over, unobserv'd?  
 Shall such Things as these be took no No-  
 tice off under so just a Government?  
 Shall they not Disgorge, shall they not  
 refund their *Pillage*, or be accountable  
 with their *H--ds*? Can any *Prince* or any  
 Nation under Heaven, suffer tamely such  
 indignities to be put upon them?

Pardon us, *M A D A M*, if our Ex-  
 pressions are suitable to our Resentment,  
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and look upon them to proceed from the Zeal we have for our Rights, our Liberties, and our Religion. Look upon us as a *People*, who have Groan'd under the Burthen of excessive Taxes, and the Tyranny of Mismanagement : As a *People* upon the very Point of being Sav'd, or Ruin'd ; of being made Happy by a Lasting Peace, or Miserable by an Eternal War. This, this, *M A D A M*, is the Sense of the whole Nation in General, and of all Parties and People that have any Honesty remaining.

Had the *J-----o* been Modest when they were Discarded, your Majesty might have Forgave, if not Forgot, their Crimes. But none can Forgive, none can Forget the Steps they are now Taking. The Lords, the Commons, the Rich, the Poor, the Trader, and the Peasant, will call out for Vengeance on the Heads of those who Vote for our Destruction who insist on such Terms as are impossible to be ever Gain'd, on the Conquering Kingdoms that are never to be overcome.

*O Unfortunate Albinia! Hast thou not suffer'd enough already by the Ambition and the Avarice of some, or the Treachery of others? Hast thou not been enough Impos'd upon by thy Allies, and Enslav'd by thy own Subjects? Have not thy best Friends been tax'd with P-----y, by those whose Doctrine and Religion are so nearly'd to it? By those, who, had not Providence prevented their Intentions, had Conspired very lately the Destruction of the Great Redresser of thy Grievances, and the Counsellor of thy Peace; and who has more than once escaped them by the same Providence?*

'Tis with more than ordinary Concern we represent these Things to Your Majesty, nor doubting your Resolutions to prosecute your Good Designs for the Common Cause, notwithstanding the Remonstrances of some Allies, as your Majesty did formerly, against the Attempts of others, who interpos'd themselves in your Family Affairs. And 'tis with more than ordinary Concern, we Beseech your  
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Majesty to take especial Care for the pre-  
 servation of your Sacred person: We  
 have a *Party* among us, who have o-  
 penly profess'd Rebellion, who have wrote,  
 who have printed, who have publish'd,  
*They are yet strong enough to exchange a*  
*Ball with your Majesty's Loyal Subjects;*  
 and who have avow'd the Writing, the  
 printing, the publication of the same, in  
 their *Actions*, their *Principles*, and their  
*Discourse*. This is a sort of Language the  
 Throne has been disus'd to, ever since the  
 beginning of that Unnatural Rebellion,  
 that concluded in the Destruction of  
 both Church and State, and the Murder  
 of your Rôyal G——d f——r; and if suf-  
 fer'd to pass with the same Impunity at  
 present, may conclude in the same Cata-  
 strophe. All that we have to hope, is,  
 from the Loyalty of our Legislature, who  
 as they have past a late Act *for the better*  
*Security of the Church*, so we have no Rea-  
 son to Question their Concurrence in the  
 Suppressing those Seminaries, those Nur-  
 series of Schism that poison the *Princi-*  
*ples* of our Youth, and are now suppor-  
 ted without Law.

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These are the Desires, and these the  
 Grievances of your Majesty's Loyal Sub-  
 jects; And we do not Doubt, but to  
 see the Time, when all these Things shall  
 be Redress'd; when we shall Approach  
 your MAJESTY without GRIE-  
 VANCE, and without Complaint;  
 when we shall Enjoy all the Happiness  
 and Content a *Prince* can give, or a Sub-  
 ject is capable of receiving. We hope,  
 and that very quickly too, to see a Good,  
 Lasting, and an Honourable *Peace*: To  
 see the Time, when Faction shall be to-  
 tally Suppress'd, and the Church establish'd  
 in Reality; when Loyal *Principles* and  
 Loyalty shall Rise upon the Downfall of  
 Hypocrisy and Infidelity; when our Taxes  
 shall give no more Occasion for Embez-  
 zlement, and our Landed Interest shall  
 flourish, together with our Trade: Lu-  
 xury, when our Nation shall become  
 rich, and your people Happy.  
 But if it please GOD, we cannot ob-  
 tain such Terms as these, such as are re-  
 quisite for our Security, may we continue  
 War with Vigour and Alacrity, but  
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with a prudent Management of our Treasure, may our Quota, if your Majesty thinks fit, be Equal, but not Superiour to our Neighbours, and our Expences proportionable to the Advantages that we are likely to acquire.

But whether Peace or War be our Lot *we entirely resign our selves to the Will and Pleasure of your Majesty, and shall always pay that Submission and Obedience we are oblig'd by the Laws of God to pay to those who derive their Authority from Him*: And we beg Leave to Assure your Majesty, *We'll stand by You, in our Lives and Fortunes, as well against the unparalleld Attempts of a Faction at Home as Your Enemies Abroad*; And may Your Majesty's Reign be as Prosperous as we Hope it will be Long over us

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